



US Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

Deputy Administrator

NHTSA - 98 - 3585-  
47  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

37716

JUL - 7 1998

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
98 JUL 17 PM 3:03  
DOCKET SECTION

David A. Collins, Esq.  
General Motors Corporation  
Legal Staff  
New Center One Building  
3031 West Grand Boulevard  
P.O. Box 33122  
Detroit, MI 48232

Dear Mr. Collins:

We have received your Third Quarter Report for Year 3, submitted on June 5, 1998, reporting on the status of the research projects that have been established pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement between the U.S. Department of Transportation and General Motors Corporation, dated March 7, 1995. The report summarizes the progress that had been made on the projects during the period October 1 - December 31, 1997. Also enclosed are financial reports for the third quarter of year 3.

The reports will be placed in the Department of Transportation Dockets, NHTSA-98-3585.

We understand that there were some delays in obtaining all of the information that was necessary for the completion of these reports, and we appreciate that GM has kept the agency informed about its progress and its rates of expenditures through informal communications between GM and agency staff. We note, however, that the Third Quarter progress and financial reports for Year 3 of the settlement agreement were not submitted to the agency until after the end of year 3. In the future, the agency would be interested in receiving progress and financial reports not later than 30 days after the end of the period covered by the reports.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Ms. Heidi L. Coleman, Assistant Chief Counsel for General Law, at (202) 366-1834.

Sincerely,

Philip R. Recht